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Glendale's Family Safety Fair Has Loads of Tips

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – Glendale Public Library and the Glendale Police Department are jointly sponsoring a free "Family Safety Fair" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 in the main library's auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St.

The event will launch the Glendale Police Department's latest initiative on child safety – RadKIDS (Resisting Aggression Defensively).

Information tables on domestic violence, home safety, and abuse prevention will be set up during the entire fair. Presentations and demonstrations will be taking place twice during the fair.

Appearing at 10:15 a.m., and again at noon, are the following:

- Miss Arizona 2006, Hilary Griffith, is a rape survivor who speaks out about rape and recovery options. She won the Miss Arizona pageant just four days after her brutal attack and is using the title to further her platform, "Strength Over Silence: Rape Awareness and Recovery."

"As Miss Arizona 2006 and for the rest of my life," says Griffith, "I will be a leading force in the fight against rape."

- Lori Smith and Nancy Jo McLeod of the Glendale Police Department will be demonstrating the RadKIDS program. It is a personal empowerment safety education program that provides education to enhance the ability of children, parents and families to utilize knowledge and skill to protect themselves from violence and harm. Children between the ages of 5-12 are taught techniques and information to help them avoid abduction, bullying, child abuse, sexual assault and manipulation. Small groups of children and parents attend weekly classes in this 10-hour family-centered safety program. Children gain self-esteem, self-defense techniques and safety awareness.

- Glendale Police Sgt. Kent Livingston will describe the R.A.D. System, which is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. R.A.D. is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of

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hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program.

Information to help survivors of family violence will be found at the following resource tables: Adult Probation Victim Services, Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services, Child Help Children's Center of Arizona, Community Legal Services, Crime Victim's Legal Assistance Program, Dept. of Corrections—Victim Services, Faith House Domestic Violence Shelter, Family Advocacy Program from Luke Air Force Base, Federal Bureau of Investigation—Victim Services, Maricopa County Victim Assistance Services, and the West Valley Advocacy Center.

For more information, call Lori Smith at 623-930-3722 or Nancy Jo McLeod at 623-930-3724.

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